

## HIS TRAIL IS FIRE

Wonderful Phenomenon Recently  
Witnessed in Indiana.

## SNAKE OF ELECTRICITY

The Reptile Was a Monster and Left a  
Track of Very Strange—Mystery—Phenomena  
by Its Appearance.

Mark Weston, a farmer living near the small town of Alexander, northwest of Delphi, Ind., relates a most wonderful phenomenon which occurred at his place, which is today being visited by hundreds of people anxious to see for themselves the evidence of what Mr. Weston beheld.

He says: "Just after dark night before last I had occasion to go out to the barn to look after the horses. A public highway passes within two hundred yards of my house, and the barn is built about twenty rods from the house the south and somewhat nearer the road. I started from the house in the direction of the barn and had gone perhaps half the distance when I noticed something playing around the ground that looked like a tremendous fiery snake.

"The object crossed my path, and as it did so I felt the air grow much colder, and a peculiar, moaning sound arose, like the sighing of the wind through the trees, only it was loud enough to drown a man's voice when he would shout. Then I felt something come over me like electricity, and I became motionless, as though I had grown fast to the ground.

"I was terribly scared, but I never lost the use of my hands or legs through fear, though there was something peculiar in the air that simply paralyzed me. When the thing had got perhaps fifty feet from me going west it turned and came back, and as it did so the moaning sound changed to a shrill whistle, something like a locomotive would make, and when it got just in front of me it took a course directly away from me and toward the barn.

"It traveled very rapidly and looked like a large, ragged streak of fire, perhaps thirty feet long and eighteen inches in diameter. The thing reached the barn and in almost an instant ran directly up the front of the building and onto the roof. I expected every moment to see the barn burst into flames, but it did not. The great fiery



"I WAS TERRIBLY SCARED,"  
snake ran with great rapidity all over the building, in almost every direction, up and down, crosswise and every way, I suppose, thousand times. It then came to the front of the building and elevated itself until it stood straight on its tail fully thirty feet in the air.

"I was perfectly conscious all the time, but try as I would I could not move from the spot. After the thing had remained in an upright position for, I presume, three or four minutes, there was a sudden explosion like the discharge of a cannon, and the thing disappeared entirely. With the disappearance of the strange phenomenon I felt a shock like the first one I had felt and at the same time I gained control of my limbs. I hastened to the house, told my wife what I had seen, and she thought I was crazy, but upon my insisting she consented to accompany me to investigate the matter.

"You can imagine our surprise upon reaching the barn to find it covered with a remarkable network resembling large ropes of kn. They appeared to pass around the building in exactly the way the fiery monster had passed. It was not ice, however, but seemed to be more of a crystal, for it would not melt even when we held a flame to it and when struck with a hatchet it simply gave a dull-like sound and did not break.

"Upon entering the barn, we were amazed, as two good horses stood in their stalls immovable. They were alive, but neither could move a muscle. They seemed to be paralyzed and stood there more like statues than anything else. They were warm and breathed all right, but aside from this you could not tell they were alive. I applied the whip and they never flinched. A dog that sleeps in the barn was dead and appeared completely petrified. He was lying on the ground with his head on his paws just like he was sleeping. When I left home this afternoon everything was just as I have described it to you."

## SEND YOUR THINGS

To the Beach and Macatawa.  
The Ottawa Beach branch of the C. & W. M. Railway will be open for traffic on Monday next, and cottagers and others will be interested in knowing that facilities for taking their things down will commence at that time. The freight department will receive goods on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and they will be handled on those nights, respectively, to Waverly and taken from Waverly early on the mornings of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Rates, etc., may be had of the freight department.

DETENTHALER always has in stock a fine supply of table delicacies. Place your order with him.

Travis gives you a better bargain than any firm in the city. He sells anything under the sun.

The famous "Police Patrol" Quartet, afternoon and evening, at North Park today.

Sunday Train to Ottawa Beach leaves Union station every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Leave the beach at 6:30 p. m. Round trip rate, 75 cents.

## N. &amp; M. FRIEDMAN

70 AND 72 MONROE STREET.

## IN FINANCIAL STORMS NEVER CAST AN ANCHOR

Take the tempest by the throat and steer it; for your profit strike right and left with your ready money; give the people showers of bargains and they will shun old stock and high prices as they would a plague.

FOR THE  
COMING WEEK

OUR GREAT JUNE WIND UP

We have arranged from extensive stock of Dress Goods, Silks, Domestics, Hosiery, Underwear, Linens and Wash Goods special lots from these several departments to be offered this week at prices, closest to cost of production, than has ever been named on merchandise in the height of the season. A noticeable feature is the high grades of stuffs at prices usually paid for inferior kinds.

## Dress Goods:

WILL GO LIVELY AT THE SPECIAL PRICES.

We offer a line of Serges, Suitings and Mixtures in all wool materials, regular value 50c, 75c and 85c, at one price, viz:

39c yard

## Chenille Portieres:

In this department we will offer very important reductions. Our line consists of the very latest designs and shadings, and at the marked reductions will, in all probability, not last through the week at

\$3.95 pair

## Wash Goods:

Scotch, French and Domestic Gingham, Lawns, Mulls, Pongees, Foulards, Crepes, Satines, Tissues, Batiste, Challies, etc., will be offered this week at prices to induce a great run of trade and quickly close out entirely the several lots offered.

## Silks:

This department will be as usual very busy during this week. To still further promote its activity we will offer China Silks, all grades, in two lots, to close, \$1 and \$1.25 qualities, at

89c yard

Seventy-five cent qualities at

46c yard

## Parasols:

Special sale of Parasols this week. Handsome styles and shades, in latest Parisienne novelties, at extremely reduced prices.

## Linens:

One lot of fine Bleached Table Damask, pure Irish Linen, satin finished, in various designs, retailing at \$1, will be offered at the extremely low price,

69c yard

(Napkins to match.)

## Linen Sheeting:

One case of Linen Sheeting, 90-inch, will go at

69c yard

A most unique offering will be our decidedly cut price sale on Ladies' Cloaks and Tea Gowns this week.

## Hosiery:

One lot Ladies' Stainless Black, full regular, worth 37½c, at

25c pair

One lot Ladies' Black and Fancy Colors, 50c quality, at

39c pair

## Shirt Waists:

A stupendous assortment to select from. In this department we will offer great values this week. Ladies' India Lawn Waists,

49c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50

And upwards.

## Underwear:

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, ranging in prices 6c, 8c, 10c, 12½c and 25c.

Ladies' fine Ribbed Vests, 25c value, at 19c.

Ladies' Combination Suits, \$1.00 value, at

75c suit

WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE REALLY MATCHLESS OFFERINGS FOR THIS WEEK

70-72 MONROE N. & M. FRIEDMAN 70-72 MONROE